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A year in New South Wales

A wide range of statistics about New South Wales were released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The 2002 edition of the **New South Wales Year Book** features many aspects of life including environment, health, education and training, and communication and information technology.

Brief highlights from **New South Wales Year Book 2002**:

- During the 12 months to April 2000, 360,400 children aged 5-14 years (41%) accessed the Internet, while 463,800 children (52%) used a computer but not the Internet.
- In 2000, 2.8% of births were to mothers aged 40 years and over, twice the level recorded in 1990 (1.4%). Over the same period, the proportion of births to teenage mothers decreased from 5.6% in 1990 to 4.2% in 2000.
- During 1999-2000, young couples without dependent children had an average gross weekly income of \$1,504. One parent families had an average gross weekly income of \$521.
- In 2000, 73% of the pre-retired population aged 15-69 years had some form of superannuation.
- At June 2000, there were 3,160 organisations involved in providing community services, of which 62% were non-profit organisations.
- At June 2001, 91% of children aged 12 months to less than 15 months were fully immunised.
- During the year ended September 2000, 146,900 workers (5%) experienced a work-related injury.

- At 31 March 2001, there were 579 motor vehicles per 1,000 population, up from 526 motor vehicles in 1991.
- In 1999-2000, there were 30,100 agricultural enterprises with a net worth of \$33.2 billion. In that year agricultural enterprises had an average turnover of \$280,600.
- Sydney's established house price index increased 7% between 1999 - 2000 and 2000-01. Meanwhile, Sydney's project home price index increased 12% in the same period.
- For 2000-01, the consumer price index for Sydney was 133.2, an increase of 6.2% over the previous year.
- In March 2000, the majority of households (96%) recycled one or more types of items, up from 82% in May 1992.

Further details can be found in the **New South Wales Year Book 2002** (cat. no. 1300.1).

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